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In re Application of:)
SHORT, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1646
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Serial No.: 09/997,807) Examiner: Unknown
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Title: METHOD OF MAKING A)
PROTEIN POLYMER AND USES OF)
THE POLYMER)

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows before examining the patent application on merit. For the convenience of the Examiner, all the currently pending claims are attached below.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3-30, 32-33, 41, 43, 45, 60, 62, 67, 85-90, 93-101, 105 and 107-109 to read as follows. Please add new claims 113-131 as set forth below.

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3. (Amended) The drug delivery system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of polypeptides comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NOS. 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10;